

Democrats tell court they need Mueller grand jury documents for impeachment trial

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Claim Barr led Department of Justice is trying to avoid disclosing grand-jury material needed for the House's impeachment of President Trump and the Senate's trial.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Lawyers for the Democratic-led House Judiciary Committee told a federal appeals court on Monday that secret grand jury materials from former special counsel Robert Mueller's probe are needed for President Trump's impeachment inquiry and likely Senate trial.

House Democrats, who have repeatedly pushed the Justice Department for the urgent release of the redacted materials, made the case for the documents' continued relevance, even as the impeachment scope has narrowed. The Justice Department is arguing that the House should not have access to the documents.

"The Department of Justice (DOJ) takes extraordinary positions in this case," the House Judiciary Committee told the D.C. Circuit Court in a court filing. "It does so to avoid disclosing grand-jury material needed for the House's impeachment of President Trump and the Senate's trial to remove him from office."

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